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“Judging Australian Native Dendrobium Species and Hybrids”

Our friends down under have been breeding their native Dendrobiums and creating some fantastic flowers which are rarely seen in the USA. This training tool is designed for AOS judges and covers the most important species and hybrids in the Australian Native Dendrobium alliance. Learn about the current judging standard and common faults and how best to evaluate and point these beautiful flowers. A PowerPoint presentation

Fred Clarke has been growing orchids for 33 years and has been hybridizing for 25 of those years. With over 25 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery; Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, California.

He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new Aussie Dendrobium and Paphiopedilum hybrids.

His pioneering work in Catasetum intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, Fredclarkeara After Dark, which produced “the **blackest** flower ever witnessed”. This grex has received eight FCC’s, eight AM’s and the coveted ‘Award of Distinction’ on the first flowers shown for judging!

Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.

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